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1. GOS ISSUED A STATEMENT ON JULY 19 ON REASONS FOR ITS RECOGNITION OF GRP. TEXT, WHICH BEING CABLED IN FRENCH IN SEPTEL TO SAIGON AT REQUEST GVN CHARGE HERE, FOLLOWS:

2. QTE. IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO TENDENTIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OFFERED FOLLOWING THE RECOGNITION BY SENEGAL OF THE PRG, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAKES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

3. THE RECOGNITION OF THE PRG BY SENEGAL AS A LEGAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE SIULTANEOUS MAINTAINING OF RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SAIGON DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN UNUSUUL STEP. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS A MATTER OF AN ACT OF POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY WHICH, IN ITS FOUNDATION AS IN ITS FINALITY, REFLECTS CONCEPTIONS ALWAYS HELD BY SENEGAL IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THAT IS, THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF
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DETRMINATION AND A RECOURSE TO DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE

PROBLEMS.

4. THE INITIATIVE OF SENEGAL IS, ABOVE ALL, A SALUTE TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FOR THE VALIANT STRUGGLE THEY HAVE LED, AT THE PRICE OF HEAVY SACRIFICE, WITH THE AID OF INSTALLING IN SOUTH VIETNAM A MORE JUST SOCIETY, AND OF ATTAINING ITS UNITY BY AUTHENTICALLY SOUTH VIETNAMESE MEANS

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DECISION OF SENEGAL CONSTITUTES A RECOGNITION OF PRESENT SOUTH VIETNAMESE REALITIES. THE EXISTENCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM OF TWO POLITICAL POWERS CAN OBJECTIVELY BE NEITHER DENIED NOR IGNORED. THE PRG, BY THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL THAT IT EXERCISES OVER A PART OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY, BY THE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IT ASSUMES THERE, AS WELL AS BY ITS INTERNATIONAL STATUS (STATUT), IS PRECISELY ONE OF THESE POWERS; ITS REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED BY THE PARTIES THEMSELVES IN THE CONCLUSION OF THE ACCORDS IN PARIS OF JANUARY 27, 1973, ON THE CESSATION OF THE WAR AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN VIETNAM, SINCE THE PRG HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE SAME LEVEL OF EQUALITY AS THE GOVERNMENT OF SAIGON AND IT IS A SIGNATORY BY THE SAME RIGHT OF THE SAID ACCORDS. THE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT IS, THEN ENTIRELY IN CONFORMANCE WITH WITH SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THESE ACCORDS AND CANNOT BE INTERPRETED AS AN INTERFERENCE

IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. SENEGAL, IN RECOGNIZING THE TWO PARTIES, THUS REFUSES TO FAVOR ANY POLITICAL TENDENCY.

6. THE ATTITUDE OF SENEGAL, FINALLY, DEMONSTRATES ITS PROFOUND DESIRE TO WORK IN FAVOR OF THE PEACE SO LONG AWAITING IN VIETNAM, SORELY TRIED BY THE WAR, AND TO FAVOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION BY THE DIALOGUE, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACCORDS OF PARIS WHICH PROVIDE, TOWARDS THAT END, FOR THE ESTABLISH-
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MENT OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD.

7. THE DECISION OF SENEGAL IS FOUNDED, HOWEVER, ON THE PROVISIONAL CHARACTER OF THE SITUATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WHICH HAS BEEN EVIDENCED BY ART 9 OF THE ACCORDS OF PARIS. THE RECOGNITION OF THE PRG AS A LEGAL GOVERNMENT

DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT IT IS THE DEFINITIVE AND LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PRG QUALIFIES ITSELF AS PROVISIONAL AND BY THIS FACT ITSELF RECOGNIZES ITS OWN PRECARIOUSNESS. FURTHERMORE, IN SIGNING THE AGREEMENTS OF PARIS OF JAN 27, 1973, THE PRG AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAIGON HAVE AGREED TO DISAPPEAR (S'EFFACER) AND TO GIVE WAY TO A SINGLE GOVERNMENT,

THE ISSUE OF FREE ELECTIONS BY WHICH THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM WILL DECIDE THEIR FUTURE (ARTICLE 9 AND ART 14 OF THE ACCORDS ENDING THE WAR AND REESTABLISHING PEACE IN SOUTH VIETNAM).

8. THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, TO BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BY SENEGAL, WILL BE THAT WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FREELY AND DEMOCRATICALLY BY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ACCORDS OF PARIS. DAKAR, JULY 19, 1973 UNQTE.

9. MEANWHILE, DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL QUOTES A GVN SPOKESMAN IN SAIGON AS SAYING THAT AMBASSADOR DANG NGOC TRAN HAS RECEIVED THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOS. TRAN, WHO WAS RECALLED LAST WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS, REMAINS IN SAIGON. THE REPORT THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE IN DAKAR WAS TO SEND TO SAIGON CONCERNS THE SENEGALESE COMMUNIQUE ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE PRG AS LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, PARALLEL TO THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WHOSE AMBASSADOR HAS JUST BEEN GRANTED AGREEMENT. LE SOLEIL THEN REFERS TO THE TEXT IN PARAS 2 TO 8 ABOVE.
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